

MAGIC MUSHROOMS

Psychedelic Mushrooms are classified as a hallucinogen. After eating a hallucinogen a person experiences and feels things that are not real. Their moods and behaviors become unpredictable. Sometimes they can experience extreme feelings of nervousness, panic, and being scared. Depending on what was taken and by whom, the effects can last as little as twenty minutes to twelve hours.

There are over 200 different species of psychedelic mushrooms. Each species contains a different amount of psilocybin. Psilocybin is the chemical in mushrooms that causes dizziness, nausea, vomiting, dehydration, paranoia, muscle weakness, numbness of the mouth and face, and blackouts. Psychedelic mushrooms are dangerous to humans, because a user never knows how much psilocybin is in the mushroom.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BODY?

When the chemical psilocybin reaches the brain, it sticks to brain sensors. This is what causes the hallucinations and a sense of time warp. As the brain activity decreases - causing either relaxation or paranoia - heart rate and blood pressure increases, while body temperature rapidly changes from hot to cold. The areas of the brain responsible for dreaming are turned on.

EFFECTS & CONSEQUENCES

- Impaired judgement
- Aggressive Behaviors
- Feelings of detachment
- Hallucinations
- Blurred vision
- Coordination problems
- Nausea
- Loss of appetite
- Experiences of 'Time Warp'
- Extreme Anxiety/paranoia
- Flashbacks
- Schizophrenia
- Accidental poisoning and death

RESOURCES

To learn more go to:

Drug Enforcement Agency

dea.gov/factsheets/psilocybin

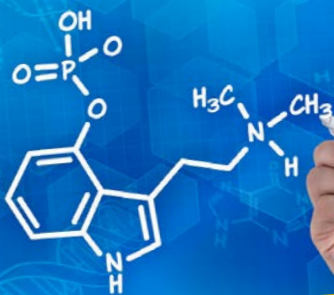
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PSYCHEDELIC MUSHROOMS

BRAIN DRAIN



PSILOCYBIN



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CASE SPOTLIGHT: WISCONSIN TEEN MIXES XANAX, PSYCHEDELICS BEHAVES AGGRESSIVELY AND IS KILLED BY POLICE

At just 19 years old, Tony was just wanting to relax and enjoy his Friday night - like millions of others teens. He ingested xanax and 'magic' mushrooms.

What happened? Police were called multiple times when Robinson was reported behaving crazy and aggressive. When an officer knocked on his door, Robinson attacked. The officer shot Robinson in self defense. Tony Robinson died.

Eating those psychedelic mushrooms caused Tony Robinson to behave in a way he would never have under normal circumstances. His ability to act reasonably was gone. Tony's dreams for the future included attending college and getting a degree in business. His family described him as a "beautiful soul."

Possession or distribution of psychedelic mushrooms will result in prosecution. Criminal Penalties for Schedule I drugs includes prison time and substantial fines.



MORE THAN JUST A 'BAD TRIP'

Psychedelic mushrooms grow in the wild. They are difficult to identify correctly. More than 14,000 species of mushroom exist, and many of these are poisonous and potentially deadly. Only a tiny fraction of these are psychedelic. This increases the risk of accidental poisoning and even death.

Psychedelic mushrooms, like regular mushrooms, can spoil. They grow mold just like regular food can. Ingesting mold or eating rotten food can cause food poisoning. Food poisoning symptoms include fever, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and dehydration.

A person's ability to think clearly is compromised after eating psychedelic mushrooms. This may lead to unsafe behaviors and accidents. Most deaths attributed to psychedelic mushrooms are not due to overdose, but to accidents. Psychedelic mushrooms interact dangerously with other drugs, alcohol and medications. These drug interactions can cause severe health issues leading to hospitalization.

POISONING

ARE THEY ADDICTIVE?

Generally psychedelic mushrooms are not addictive. However, the more a person eats over time, the more tolerant they become. This means they would have to eat more (or stronger) mushrooms to get the same hallucinogenic effects they got before. This increases the chance of poisoning, and the chance for a "bad trip," which usually lasts longer with increasing negative side effects.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS:

Magic mushrooms are the safest drug out there.

Psychedelic mushrooms may have a lowest toxicity rating compared to other illegal substances, however, drugs not regulated by the government carry great risk to anyone who ingests them. There is no way to tell how much will effect a person or in what ways. People often mix ingestion of mushrooms with other substances leading to hospitalization.

It'll be fine if I take them in a safe place with a friend.

Ingesting unknown substances is risky to one's health - no matter where they are taken or with whom. Psychedelic mushrooms alter a person's way of thinking. Feelings of anxiety, paranoia, terror, or a complete loss of self control can happen wherever you are and whomever you are with. Anything from your current emotions, what you are wearing, the music that is playing or a sound outside can change the effects of the drug.

PARANOIA

Hallucinogens will expand my mind, give me a new perspective on life.

It is more likely that you will experience negative effects- paranoia, anxiety, and nervousness. Even if a user does have a positive experience during one use, that doesn't mean it will be positive the next time. Effects of this chemical can change from one "trip" to the next, and so can mood and behavior swings. Combined with changing behaviors, the consequences can turn deadly. Mind altering drugs do not give you insights on a greater reality - they "alter" and warp what is real.

The huge amount of differing species of mushrooms, the fact that this drug is not regulated and possible chance of drug interactions make eating psychedelic mushrooms very dangerous. They are also an illegal drug. Possessing and sharing 'shrooms is taking the chance of arrest, legal fines, and possible incarceration.

PSYCHEDELIC MUSHROOMS ARE NOT WORTH THE RISKS.

UNPREDICTABLE

FACT: PSYCHEDELIC MUSHROOMS ARE A SCHEDULE I DRUG AND ARE ILLEGAL IN THE UNITED STATES.